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WHEN INGENUITY WAS SPENT IN DE-VISING CRUEL TORTURE.

Eate Jordan's Reflections Upon Old Time Punishments She Thanks Heaven That These Are Commercial Times-An Uncanny Place Visited-Momentous Trifles.

[Special Correspondence.] NEW YORK, April 2.-It was a cold, Marchy day, and the blustery rain was fall-

ing in torrents. "Just the weather for the toriure instruments," said I as I eved the drenched panes and gallantly struggled into my mackin-tosh. It is a good rule when one is blue because of the weather, or for some scarcely more important reason, to study something which discounts our whimsical dullness by some positive gloom. We become content-

That was why I fairly let the wild wind blow me into the small hall on one of our most important streets, where instruments of torture used long ago were on exhibi-

I bought a catalogue at the door and en-The place was deserted, as I knew it would be, and the melancholy twilight was settling over a scene as unusual as it was grewsome and interesting The Ghost of the Past.

All around me hung axes, masks, bideous prongs-monstresities in iron and wood that had been devised long, long ago by men solely for the torture of their unhappy

New York faded away as I passed from one formidable object to another, consult-ing my catalogue for its history. The nine-



senth century vanished, and I was in spirit back in the middle ages, so fitly called when Mercy slept and Progress lay in chains.

This collection of ancient instruments of torture were held in in the royal castle of Nuremberg, the town where the celebrated Albert Durer, the inventor of wood carv-

They were purchased by the Earl of Shrewsbury for more than \$1,000,000. He sent them to the World's fair, but as they arrived too late to be given good accommodations they were not exhibited there. In a few days they leave New York to be held as a private museum by the earl until his death, when he will probably donate them to the English government.

The fact which first impressed me was knowing that these rusty, time stained devices are not imitations, but the actual implements which over and over again have done their hideonsly cruel worl

In Days When Scolds Suffered. Here were pillories and ducking stools for scolds, shame masks of iron that were worn for stated periods by drunkards and ne'er do-wells, stocks to hold the feet of gentles when they were displayed for derision in Instruments used as lesser punishments.

chaius of terrible weight, blocks of stone to be attached to the feet of criminals when the victims were suspended by the thumbs and executioner's swords from almost every town in Germany.

These swords were peculiarly interesting. Many of them had the executioner's name engraved on the blade. I found myself wondering what sort of a brute face Franz Schmidt, the executioner of Noremberg, could have had as I gingerly laid my finger upon the carved hilt he so often clutched.

Balthaser Glaser of Thuringen must have been proud of his position as headsman. The sword that belonged to him was highly carved. An ammonition in big German letters ran all along the blade, which translated, read, "Be careful, do no ill, and you won't come to indement

A Curtous Chain. Among the curiesities I saw the wooden phain that Baron von de Trenk made during one of his terms in prison. This man, remarkable in himself, whose only offense was supposed treason, has been immortal-ized by the elder Dumas as "Monte Cristo." The wooden chain which he made during his lonely hours is a pitiful thing to contem plate, telling mutely as it does of the death in life which incarceration meant in olden days. It is wonderful too, this work of patience, for it was curved out of a plank with no other tools than the knife he was allowed to divide his bread with, yet it has no joints of any kind, is neither pailed, screwed nor glued, but is entirely self containing and cut, a perfect chain, out of the

Here, too, were some of the awful chainthat here him down, above them an ancient print showing him in his closet dungeon, the entire body manacled, his grave already prepared and marked by a flat headstone in the flooring of the cell. It may be interesting to state that this man's escapes so marvelously planned and carried but he was at length manacled so that he ould make no movement other than the lifting of his arms, and for 15 years he had to respond to his name every 15 minutes in order to assure his jailers, day and night, that he was there. As I thought of this and looked at his chains, I seemed to hear answer, "Here!" which the wretched man uttered mechanically even during sleep. As I turned away there was one consoling thought. Poor Trenk did not die in prison At last-when youth was gone-in the reign of a new monarch, he was given his remaining years, and the grave in the

prison floor was chested The Face Beautiful.

I found myself in the central aisle of the fittle ball, looking at the most terrible instrument in all this weird and instructive collection—the iron maiden, whose terror inspiring embrace was one of the horrors of Naremberg in the fifteenth century. This relie of ancient cruelty stood in a

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### CONFIDENCE

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Fluor to pourself a great object of woo and tron in shape like a long barrel. This open td down the side, showing a hollowinterior filled with iron spikes. The front of the instrument represented a woman's form, the fire beautiful, cold, implacable, the night preceding execution the condet nined was taken to the tower of the castle and placed in a pillory opposite the fron maiden. During the long hours of the awi'ul night, filled with mental anguish and a horr or that chills us even to consider it, the vire tch was forced to look upon this instrument of his doom. In the morning, just at down, he was placed within it, his body fitt. a g perfectly into the hollow. The front port on of the iron maiden being closed upor shim, he died a lingering death, being liters lly impaled alive.

Flendish Ingenuity. There was fieudish ingenuity brought to the invention of this ghastly relic, for as I studied it I noticed that, while the sharp spikes were many, the spot that must come opposite the heart was here, so that the viprolonged. After a few days the maiden was rolled out on the bridge overlooking the fathorn ass most, and the body was ignominiously dropped into a shameful grave in the black waters. And what crimes were punished by such a death? It is a mark of the superstiti ous and imperial age in which such monstro us customs flourished to note from the lect urer's description that, while murders of this worst sort, such as parricide, were this avenged, any plot against the government t, any avowal of religious unbelief, also 1 sd the unfortunate to the death clasp of the terrible from maiden.

A T crrible Ordeal. Scarcely a rou sauce exists of olden days of whatever en untry without some ref-erence to the thumbscrews, used to force confessions from supposed criminals. They were here in plen ty—thumb, toe, hand and leg screws. If a !man was charged with any crime or supposed to know of any plot against the church or government, the thumbscrew was used to make him reveal his secrets and bevray his confederates. It was not in hu man nature, save perhaps in very rare cases, to stand this ordeal long, and under its hearthreaking torture who knows how many perfectly innocent people confessed to and were convicted of crimes they had never thought of?

Children supposed to conceal evidence that would help to convict their relatives— often their parents—of supposititious crimes were not spared. No one was spared in those days of so called "chivalry"-not the tenderest youth, not lisping babes, not old age nor delicate women. I shall not soon forget the sindowy pain that ran through me when under one of the galleries I stood above the cracile of unrest. How fitly and horribly named! It was made of iron, the rockers very wide, and the interior was thickly covered with abort, pointed spikes. Scarcely had I turned from this when I felt a soft cloth brush my cheek. I looked up and saw a scarlet mantle headed by a black mask. I was in the shadow of an executioner's cloak, the sword beside it.

having marks cut upon it proving a record of 700 heads. No Figure of Speech.

Very curious are the fron gags. These were small and could be placed easily in the mouth, but so subtly were they arranged by means of springs that they could be distended to a size which prevented any utterance.

The rack and the wheel were duplicated here many times. They were very large, with a variety of ropes and screws attached. The saying "breaking on the wheel" is not at all figurative.

Among other interesting things, not com-

ing under the head of torture, yet connected with them, I noticed a condemned's crucifix, which criminals innumerable had carried on their way to execution. There was also a mask that was worn by one of the judges of the secret tribunal—the notorious Vehmgericht-in which all were masked completely, so that the accused might have stood for judgment before his dearest friend the market places. These are some of the or father. So inexorable was the oath of secrecy regarding the personality of these the checks, then place the two thumbs There were branding irons innumerable, judges that they were forbidden to disclose one on each corner of the mouth, and their identity one to the other, each being secretly appointed by the crown. Fancy a prisoner confronting this iron masked trimal, whose judgment none might gainsay! The atmosphere of horror and mystery would have been terrible enough without

further punishment. There was also a witch's idol, a carving of a devil's head in wood. This was worn by the supposed witch on her way to be burned at the stake. Another curious thing tian martyr, Johannes Huss, who was burned at the stake at Constanz. I saw also a veritable hair shirt once worn for penance

I saw the lecturer pacing between the rows of knotted wire ropes and ghastly shame masks, and I ventured to ask him one question.

A Chinese Fine Art. "The world is too enlightened for torture of any sort now, is it not? Does it still exist anywhere?" I asked.

"Only in China. There they have reduced it to a fine art," he said, with a balf pitying smile. "They make no weapons such as are here in ghastly profusion. Those days are forever gone, but as a piece of interesting information let me tell you



that China's torture by natural methods that oft repeated call, "Trenk!" and the are due to the inventive powers of one man -if one could call a human flend by that name. This man devised such tortures as the constant aropping of water upon a con-demned man's head. You think this trifling perhaps, but let me tell you that a drop of water falling at regular intervals upon the head, never ceasing, first becomes irritating, then creates mental anguish, and after a few days the victim becomes raving mad. Another of his inventions is keeping a man awake for months. This also brings on forced sleeplessness the victim prays for death. Another method is feeding to repiction; another compelling a man to die of thirst. These are horrible, and this custom of torture is one that missionaries are

bravely trying to crush out."

1 found myself in the street. What if it were muddy and ugly and not at all roman tie! There was freedom in the very air, and I inwardly thanked heaven that I lived in these matter of fact commercial times rather than in the "good old days" when one man enjoyed frying another.

KATE JORDAN.

The Reason Why. Old Gruffleigh-That baby of yours madam, is like an angel.

Young Matron (pleased)-Do you think so?

When Baby was sick, we gave her Caston When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Casteria

HOW TO LOOK YOUNG

exercises Which Will Keep the Facial Muscles in a Healthy State.
"Good women age slowly," they say;
and again it has been said: "Women whose lives are full, and whose faculties are actively employed, also age slowly." Another well-known author speaks of "the charm over which years have no power-something greatly superior to beauty and which is more to e desired." Perhaps, if we could combine perfect moral with perfect physical culture, we would arrive finally at the ideal woman, "nobly planned," to whom age only comes as the full development, and death itself as merely the gentle detachment of a fruit fully ripe from the tree.

While we may not be able to enjoy immortal youth, however, or even to attain to the highest altitudes of which ve are capable, it seems to be generally conceded that age can be warded off for many years by judicious care, and that it is more or less a matter of personal choice as to whether the mind and the body shall be allowed to grow old prematurely. In these days physical culture has developed into a science, and wrinkles may be erased and rounded out lines preserved by exercising a little knowledge and taking a little trouble, while it is a well known fact that a serene mind will give a youthful expression to the eyes and keep the brow smooth and unforrowed by time.

"My pupils," says a successful professor of the art of physical culture, "range from ten to fifty years of age, and I find that the human body is cappable of being molded into forms of beauty and strength much later than is generally supposed. The facial muscles especially, which are apt to be almost, if not entirely, neglected may be so developed that a face that had already dropped into the unbecoming lines of age will assume again the rounded curves of comparative youth. Plump, firm muscles are vastly different from fatty development, which, although it may 'fill out' a face in a way, will not give good contour, and sometimes rather adds to the appearance of age than otherwise, whereas the cultivation of the muscles of the face and neck not only fills up the hollows, but causes the flesh to have a firm, healthy look and prevents the relaxed appearance of the lower muscles of the throat which are so dis-

figuring. The following exercises are recommended for filling out and developing the muscles of the face: First, smile as broadly as you can; then place three fingers on the bunched-up portion of the cheek, and allow the features sudienly to relax, raising the fingers at same time. Continue to do this until tired. The fingers should be placed high on the cheek bone, so that the muscles when smiling will push against them, thus giving the desired resistance which is necessary to the enlargement of the tissue.

The second exercise is to again smile broadly, but this time, instead of allowing the corners of the mouth to be surved upward, try to draw them out work the corners backward and formouth. Exercise No. 3 is with the thin. Press the lower lip upward, and it will be seen that the chin will be raised and become hard; crook the forefinger so as to make a half-circle most impossible to distinguish the and put it over the point of the chin, pressing it against the latter as it rises, and relaxing the pressure instantly as it assumes its normal position. In this glance the plank was pushed forward grapes, and-under proper vintage exercise the teeth should be kept

Most faces that are thin are apt to be hollow between the upper and the lower jaw, and two exercises are recommended for filling out the cheeks. Take two small pieces of India rubber, such as come in the end of pencils, and insert on each side of the mouth between the back teeth, close the teeth on them and chew, spreading the teeth only just far enough apart to keep the rubbers in their places and shutting them with all the force possible. After this put the foretinger into the mouth and rub it against the cheek, pressing it outward in every way, reaching as far back as it is possible. It is said that by regularly following these simple exercises daily the face may be sept rounded and firm in its outlines, and that even old and relaxed muscles nay be greatly strengthened and improved -N. Y. Tribune.

Prehistorie Tracks. Ages ago, in the geological time crown to the scientists as the triassic period, the Connecticut river valley and, perhaps, the whole eastern por tion of what is now the North Amerian continent, was inhabited by a girantic species of two and four-footed At Portland, in the famous brownstone quarries, scores of tracks of these creatures have been found and there are probably hundreds of them left in that remarkable ledge that will be unearthed by the geologist of the luture. At first these tracks were atributed to a gigantic species of exfinet birds, but a well-known writer on geology pronounces them the tracks of saurians. That they were amphibious all writers agree, but as to their bulk and height there is some difference of opinion. Some of their tracks are twenty inches from heel to toe and almost as broad, clearly proving that the animal or reptile was no dwarfish memper of the vertebrates. Then, too, they are from three to five feet apart, which is proof positive that the creature was not less than twelve feet high; that is, providing he was a biped, as everything indicates -N. Y. Sun.

Some Fride Lett. Judge-If you know of any mitigating circumstances you are at liberty to

state them. Prisoner-I don't know of any except that I took to stealing because I didn't want to loaf around the street corners and be taken for a detective.-Alex Sweet, in Texas Siftings.

Little Dick-I heard your mother tell my mother that you studied every night till ever so late.

Little Johnnie-Yep; I'm tryin' to Cold Grundeigh - Yes. Is it not written that the angels "dry out and study at all - Good News."

### IS TOLD BY LINES

It Is a Fad to Describe the Writer from His Writings.

ne Salient Points Given by Those Who Profess to Be Experts-Daily Cor-respondence Rendered More

A fashionable fad just now is char acter-reading from handwriting, and it is really astonishing what clever hits, in the way of personal skits, an expert in that line frequently deduces from half a sheet of note-paper covered with the writing of the person whose virtues and foibles are under discussion, says the New York Tribune. Whether it is chance or actual knowledge it is impossible to say, for these wizards of society are very louth to communicate their methods, and take pleasure in enshrouding themselves in mystery as much as possible, recognizing the fact that to impress people with their wisdom and to keep up their prestige they

must affect the occult.

While the majority of character readers confine themselves simply to the salient characteristics expressed by the writing, some go even further and profess to rend past events by the writer's method of combining his let-ters and words. This, however, is of course mere jugglery-but that a certain amount of one's disposition and character is legible to those who "read between the lines" seems to be almost an acknowledged fact. Certainly, when one hears a clever exponent of art give a brief synopsis of the different distinguishing qualities that he sees expressed in a handful of notes and letters, and one recognizes many of the peculiarities and qualities which are mentioned, it is impossible not to feel interested. Many of the deductions drawn are wonderfully true; and, after all, when one considers that the written characters are direct emanations from the brain, it seems a plausible enough theory that these queer little shapes and combinations that we sall letters and words should mean much more than at first meets the eye. "How can I tell?" said one of these

experts, when interrogated about his theories. "I cannot explain it to you; it is the general appearance of the writing, and it is almost impossible to analyze. There are a few salient points, however, that I can give you. For instance, even letters—that is, a word written so that the two copybook ines, one above and one below, touch the edges of each letter; this means onesty. A hopeful disposition shows tself in the tendency of the lines to go upward. The way people cross their 't's' is very indicative indeed; where there is a firm stroke with a sort of slight hook at the end, it means tenacity of purpose and will power. Executive ability is often shown by the words running themselves out into a sort of scrawl, but the merest deviation will often change the meaning of one line into quite another characteristic, so that it is quite impossible for anyone to understand all the various shodes of meaning unless he has studied the subject for a long while. But when you do understand it more or less, and can discover the hidden meaning of it, it is quite wonderful now interesting one's daily correspondence becomes - far more than the writer ever dreams of."

COES ITS WORK QUICKLY.

The Terrible Celerity with Which the The striking thing about the ex- ity is revealed. The water turned over scution of Vaillant was the appalling the land in all the lower valleys carries ward by relaxing and contracting the Quickness of it all. Action was so the detritus of mountain sides in solurapid, says a writer in the New York tion, which makes a fertilizing deposit World, from the instant he appeared akin to that left by the annual inundain the doorway of the prison to the moment the knife fell that it was all a soil, in many places composed of dislight chain of incidents. He flung ly favorable to the cultivation of the himself eagerly against the plank, was strapped to it, and in the flash of a on the platform of the guillotine. An instant's vision of a recumbent figure. face downward; in the same moment a | raised on the higher slopes and levels, head, with two staring, wide open are unsurpassed anywhere in beauty eyes, whirled almost defiantly, as it and flavor. seemed, and with a slight zigzag movement, to the rightward, while simultaneously the pinioned body convulsive, into the rolled inert. capacious basket, also at the right-hand side of the guillotine. The swiftness, the mechanical promptness of the business fairly stupefied the speciator. It was impossible to realize that a human life had ended in less time than it would take to draw a full breath. The guillotine had done its work well. There was scarcely a sense of horror in the sight. Twenty-four hours later no one could have associated Parls with perhaps the most impressive vengeance society has ever taken upon the revolt. The Mardi Gras festival was being kept up as no Mardi Gras known since the bonanza days of the empire. In spite of the "London weather," as it is called, all the gayeties and graces known to French fun making were ostentatiously visible in every quarter. Pageants of revelers filled the streets in theatrical garb The concert halls contributed a cavalcade immensely successful in merry making. Scores upon scores of high chariots bedecked with every fantastic device known to stage management

and crowded with the bedizened houris

of the scene kept the population in open-mouth delight from early morning to midnight. The number of reindeer owned by a Laplander in Sweden varies to a considerable degree. The poor may have heated red-hot, with which a rawhide from 50 to 200 reindeer, those better artist paints HF in the sizzling flesh, off from 360 to 700, and the rich Laplanders will keep 1,000 and even 5,000 reindeer. There is some difficulty in back on her feet the vaqueros stand collecting statistics of the number of reindoor, as the Laplanders will sometimes be unwilling or unable to give charge. She charges, while they avoid uny correct statement. According to the letest statistics the number of reindeer in Sweden would amount to 296,-200, of which 52,550 were in the province of Jemland, 40,500 in the province province of Norbotten.

"Even in times of peace we soldiers are still warlike," said Lieut. However to Birdle McGinnis at a sociable in Harlem

"Well, you know we have to kill time."-Alex E. Sweet, in Texas Sift ings.

> Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

OF GENERAL INTEREST.

-If leng branches of morning glory be plucked at night, arranged in a bowl of water and set out in the open air the buds will open at sunrise and the dish makes a charming ornament for the breakfast table.

—A hawk was shot by Albert New-lin, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., the other day. When he went to pick the body up the bird's mate attacked him with beak and wing and finally bore off the body of its dead mate in triumph.

-Musical culture among working people has been tried successfully by Charlotte Mulligan in Philadelphia Beginning with a Sunday school class of bootblacks, she has had twelve thousand working men in the last twentyeight years.

-A canal connecting the Elbe an Danube has been projected. It would start near Vienna, near Kronnenburg. extend 133 miles northwestward to ward Budweis, and from the latter point the channels of the Moldau and Elbe would be "canalized" for 18914 miles. The greatest difference in level along the route is 1.313 feet. It is estimated that 80,000,000 florins (\$32,000,-000) would cover the cost

-A widowers' association has been formed in Dresden. No man can join unless his wife is dead, and if he margies again he becomes an honorary member merely. One of the chief purposes of this association is to help newly made widowers by looking after their wives' funerals and caring for their children. Members will also meet for mutual sympathy and entertainment. There are at present forty

-George Augustus Sals wants men' evening dress "reformed" and offered a prize for the best suggestion to that end. The winner, a lady, suggests that the present harmony in black white would be admirable with "a triffing addition which would lend the necessary touch of color and effectnamely: the gold embroidering of the coat collar and waistcoat over colored materials, such as crimson or dark blue

-Any persons interested in the work of the vessels which surveyed the cable route between Hawaii and the California coast would be surprised to see how very level the ocean bed is -"so level," as one of the survey officers remarked, "that if on dry land a railroad train could run over a stretch of five hundred miles of the bed at a speed of sixty miles an hour without the grade belt being altered

-Prof. Thomas Kirk, of Wellington, New Zealand, some time ago wrote to one of the Harvard professors that he had selected two logs of the rata tree. Metrosideros robusto, for the college museum. The logs arrived on Friday 4 and 4% feet in diameter, respectively. The seeds of the rata tree germinate in the forks of lofty trees, sending down aerial roots which reach the ground and draw therefrom a supply of moisture, while the young plant above sends out branches with foliage to appropriate from the air the other requisite materials of food. The roots increase in thickness, and the branches continue their growth until this interloper actually crowds out of existence the trees which cradled it in its infancy. The wood is used for shipbuilding and cabinet work.

-While much of the area of New Mexico and Arizona is "arid land" on which such hardy vegetation as can exist is low, sparse and dry, wherever the soil is irrigated its enduring fertiltions in the valley of the Nile. integrated volcanic matter, is naturalvine, and the visitor is not surprised at the fine quality of the Rio Grande processes-the wines. Such fruits as apples, peaches, nectarines and plums

-Maj. William Downie, one of most noted pioneers of '49, died in San Francisco harbor under singularly pathetic circumstances. One of the features of the midwinter fair is a '49 mining camp, in which are the identical cabins in which lived some of the most famous miners, now mostly millionaires, of those days, such as Muckay, Flood and O'Brien. Mai Downie's cabin is prominent in the camp, and he was on his way from Victoria, E. C., on the steamer City of Puebla to occupy it during a portion of the time the fair is to be open. A committee went aboard to welcome the old miner, and while they were telling him of the grand old times that awaited him, and he was ecstatic over the prospect of again meeting his old partners of pioneer times, an attack of heart failure, undoubtedly brought on by emotion, came on, and he fell over on the deck dead.

Branding a Maverick. In a dell in the forest we espied some

'mavericks." or unbranded stock. The punchers are ever alert for a beef without half its ears gone and a big HF burned in its flank, and immediately they perceive one they tighten their cincha, slip a rope from the pommel, put their hats on the back of their heads, and "light out." A cow was soon caught, after desperate riding over rocks and fallen timber, thrown down, and "hog-tied," which means all four feet together. A little fire is built, and one side of a cincha ring is while the cow kieks and bawls. She is then unbound, and when she gets about, serape in hand, after the bullfighter method, and provoke her to her by agile springs and a flaunting of their rags. They hogh, and "brave toro" until she having overcome her indignation at their rudeness. sets off down the canyon with her tail of Vesterbosten and 203,170 in the in the air.-Frederick Remington, in Harper's Magazine.

Foor Johnnie's Fate

The prightness said to Mrs. Brown,

Little Johnnie took a mirror
And he licked the bark all off.
Thinking, in his children taney.
It would ours the whooping cough.
But on the morning of the funeral

Two a chilly day for little Johnnie When the mercury went down -Boston Traveller. The church works mirrories to-day, As mirrores were wroughl of pure. The marriage rite resistent state with To perple who were hilled before.

Don't be the Axe!

Just keep in mind that the grocer or the peddler has "an axe to grind" when he tells you that he has something "as good as" or "the same as" Pearline. There can be but one reason-more profit to him by your use of

the substitutes. But how is it with you? What reason can you have for wanting to take the risk? Certainly not economy-Pearline leads to

the greatest economy in every direction-saves the most money, time, clothes and health. If your grocer sends you an imitation, be honest-send it back. . JAMES PYLE, N. Y.

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#### PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL

-The duke of Saxe-Coburg and Goths finds that technically he cannot give up that \$50,000 a year from England, although anxious to. There are some very sad things connected with the prefession of reigning.

-United States Senator James Me-Millan, of Michigan, sent \$5,000 recent ly to Detroit for the benefit of the unemployed, suggesting that it be used to give work to those who wish and can get no other employment. -Sir Charles Dilke said in a debate

in parliament: "The most dangerous

Kingdom can have is that we are a pop ular power. We are probably the most unpopular of the great powers." -Hosea Sprague, of Homer, N. Y., born in Brimfield, Mass., but has lived in Cortland county since 1821. He is

very active and is quite a wrestler even now in his old age. His wife is eightythree years old. -The earl of Lovelace, who died recently at the advanced age of eightyeight, was not only the husband of Byron's only child, but he was a direct descendent of Henry VII. and Lady Catherine Grey. He was an architect a landscape gardener, and an engineer.

-Mme. Emma Seiler, a German woman, first discovered the mechanism of head notes, the highest tones of the female voice. She devoted herself to the study of the larvox at the dissection table, and was rewarded by finding two small cartilages in the vocal chords which produced these sounds.

-Roscoe Howard of San Diego, Cal. has presented to the Smithsonian institution a white king eagle from Ecuador, where it was captured in the Andes, and said to be the first one of its species ever brought to this country. It is a magnificent looking bird and, although only six months old, weighs nearly fifty pounds and is about three feet six inches in height. -A young Chinese woman has been

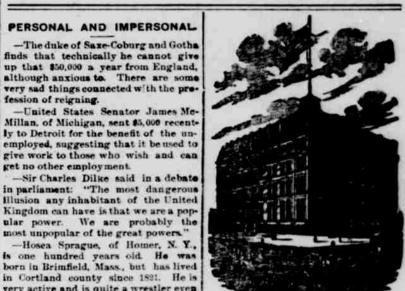
trying for some time to get a medical education in San Francisco in order to practice among her own people. For three years she has been supporting herself by nursing in Chinatown, but has now made application for admission to some of the hospitals of the city, only to have her application refused because of her race. - Senttle Post-Intelligencer.

-Martin Backus, of Stillwater Minn. is said to be the most absent-minded man in the northwest. The other day he forgot an engagement to marry until three hours after the appointed time, and then he remembered it, but the name of his affianced bride wholly escaped his mind. By the aid of the young woman's father and two brothers and a shotgun his memory was refreshed and a tragedy averted.

-Mr. Gladstone has usually been considered the father of the house of commons. This is not quite true. Mr. Villiers (ninety-one) is older, and so is Sir Isaac Holden (eighty-seven). But Mr. Gladstone has been at Westminster sixty-one years, having been elected for Newark in December, 1832. He held his first office-as junior lord of the treasury, under Peel-fifty-nine years ago. Mr. Gladstone was a lord of the treasury before Mr. Morley, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain were born and when even Sin William Harcourt was only a child of

I wish some man would make a top
That, when 'twas spun, would never stop."

-Harper's Young People



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